Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Yes. It will be considered.

28. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Village Libraries brought under Government aid in the years 1111 and 1112?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Nil.

29. **Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen** *(Kattur).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether representations have been received from the Azhikode Majlis Rahamat for grant to their Village Library and Reading Room;

(b) whether any enquiry was made about their request and a report submitted;

(c) what action the Government propose to take on the report?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The request for *grant* could not be considered as Government do not aid but only 'run' Village Libraries.

Note:—Inquiries are, however, being made on the question of Village Libraries started under private initiative being given aid.

Adult education—Machinery for.

30. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is any machinery conducted or aided by the Government for adult education in the State;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, which are they?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) Village Libraries conducted by Government and Public Libraries and Travelling Library aided by Government.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—How many travelling libraries are there started by Government?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—At present only one at Ayilore.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur).*—In which all places does that library travel?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is the area round about Ayilore, about 4 or 5 square miles.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know the nature of the work of these travelling libraries?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—There is only one travelling library which is tried as an experiment. There is a bookchest which is sent from place to place and out of which members can borrow and the books have to be returned on a particular date. This travelling library is getting an additional aid from Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether in the experience of the Government this travelling library is working successfully?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is only just a year since it was started. It is not possible to say whether it is successful.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Has the Government in their contemplation the starting of any other travelling library?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—If villages cannot be effectively served by libraries of their own, they will more or less adopt travelling libraries in course of time which will be cheaper also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Is the travelling library which is now worked as an experiment anything different from the village library?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is different in the sense that the books are sent from one village to the other.

Curriculum—Schools—particulars regarding.

31. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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